

Kankakee



Illinois

Northern Illinois Presbytery Church Plant

Presbyterian Church in America

According to the city's website, "For decades after Kankakee was founded in 1854, the Kankakee River was central to the city's prosperity, rich culture, and successful image. Today, after decades of economic challenges, the city is, once again, poised to connect with, and leverage its spectacular river asset to accomplish the community's heartfelt goal to: Create and sustain an extraordinary riverfront that is the catalyst for Kankakee's renaissance as a premiere Illinois riverfront community."

The Kankakee Riverfront Master Plan reports that "When complete, the riverfront improvements will be the centerpiece of a transformed live/

work/play city that attracts regional visitors, skilled workers, and families with children with a package of exceptional river-centered natural, cultural and recreational attractions, complimentary residential and commercial development, a more sustainable economy, and a significantly improved brand. Local corporations, such as CSL Behring, which have committed to the region, need young professionals and skilled workers who will find the new Kankakee

Riverfront to be a great, small scale urban environment to live, work, play and socialize. The new riverfront will also attract families with children of all ages to an abundance of uncommon active and passive recreation activities, casual dining, and socializing."

This is a great time to plant a church in this area where only 25% of the people identify as Protestant and there is little to no reformed presence. The Northern Illinois and Chicago Metro Presbyteries are committed to providing support to a church planter with the hope that by the grace of God we will see a rebirth not only in the economy, but also in hearts of the people of Kankakee.



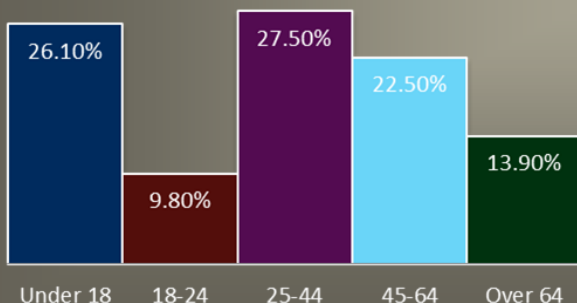
By the Numbers (City/County)

2017 Estimates (factfinder.census.gov)

Population: 26,036/110,801
Median family income: \$35,601/\$56,542
Median home value: \$85,800/\$140,100
Poverty Rate: 32.1%/15.1%

Population by Age

Median age: 35

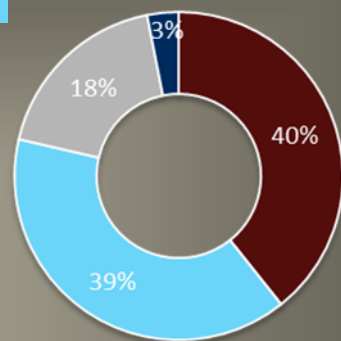


2010
18.8%



2018
5.8%

Racial Demographics



■ White ■ Black ■ Hispanic ■ Other

Education (population over age 25)

75.3% High School Graduate or higher
12.1% Bachelor's Degree or higher



Candidate Strengths

- Loves and trusts God far more than he loves or trusts anyone or anything else
- Intentional in evangelism and connects with unbelievers
- A strong preacher - effective communicator - able to preach Christ crucified

Support Network

- Coaching available from experienced church planters and collaboration with local pastors including Missio Dei Church in Manhattan, IL
- The commitment of both the Northern Illinois and the Chicago Metro Prebsytery to church planting

Vision

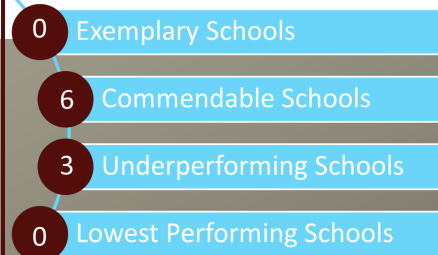
The kingdom of God expanding in Kankakee

A church plant that is welcoming to both established residents and those who are new to the community

A gospel saturated, missional church plant in Kankakee that becomes a hub to plant additional churches in the surrounding communities

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Kankakee Public School Ratings



Local Highlights

Kankakee is the Kankakee County Seat

Home of Kankakee Community College & neighbor to Olivet Nazarene University

Kankakee River State Park attracts more than a million visitors a year

In 2019, Riverside Medical Center was ranked as one of America's 100 best hospitals by Health Grades.

Frank Lloyd Wright designed two houses in the Riverview section of the city

60 miles south of Chicago



Commerce/Employment

Major job sectors: healthcare, education, government, accommodation and food services, manufacturing, social assistance, finance and insurance and construction

Major employers: Riverside Healthcare, CSL Behring, Valspar, Armstrong World Industries, Van Drunen Farms, Kankakee Community College, and Nucor Steel